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Shirley O'Lexey
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Anchorage, AK 99523-1385

Dear Ms. O'Lexey:

Thank you for your comments on Burlington Northern's Tie Treating Plant in Somers, Montana. The Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences (MDHES) and the EPA are currently in the process of issuing a hazardous waste management permit to Burlington Northern (BN) for post-closure care of two surface impoundments and three solid waste management units (SWMUs). The impoundments and SWMUs are adjacent to the land treatment unit which is under the supervision of EPA's Superfund program. The impoundments and SWMUs are regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and are not a part of the Superfund activities.

The surface impoundments have been closed and are now covered with an asphalt cap. I have enclosed a fact sheet on the permit which describes the permit conditions for the surface impoundments and the SWMUs.

From your letter, it appears that the concerns you have are associated more with the Superfund activities than the closed surface impoundments. As I indicated above, the EPA supervises activities at the facility with the exception of the two closed surface impoundments. I am forwarding your letter on to Jim Harris and Stephanie Wallace in the Helena EPA office. I've listed their address below if you wish to contact them.

U.S.EPA
Federal Building, 301 S. Park
Helena, MT 59626
(406)449-5414 (Stephanie Wallace)
(406)449-5720 (Jim Harris)

If you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to write or give me a call at 444-1430. Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Holmes".

Rebecca Holmes
Solid and Hazardous Waste Specialistcc: Jim Harris, EPA - Region 8 (enclosure)
Stephanie Wallace, EPA - Region 8 (enclosure)ENVIRONMENTAL
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